

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**In re: Guidant Corp. Implantable
Defibrillators Products Liability
Litigation**

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

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**ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' CONTACTS WITH PLAINTIFFS'
TREATING PHYSICIANS AND REVISING PROVISIONS AND EFFECT OF
PROVISIONS IN PLAINTIFFS' FACT SHEET AUTHORIZATION RELATING
TO DEFENDANTS' CONTACT WITH PLAINTIFFS' TREATING PHYSICIANS**

The Court hereby enters the following order, agreed upon as to form and content by the parties, relating to Defendants' right to undertake oral communication with Plaintiffs' treating physicians, pursuant to the medical authorizations which Plaintiffs are required to sign and which were made part of the Plaintiffs' Fact Sheets approved by the Court in Pretrial Order 2. Based on the agreement of the parties,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The medical authorization provided by Plaintiffs as part of the Plaintiffs' Fact Sheet (last page of Attachment E to Pretrial Order 2) shall be amended in effect and nunc pro tunc the entry of Pretrial Order 2 to delete the word "oral" from the authorization of contact by Defendants to Plaintiffs' treating physicians, and the same medical authorization shall be understood by all parties to this litigation not to permit Defendants

to communicate with the treating physicians of named Plaintiffs regarding the care and treatment of those Plaintiffs.

Dated: March 22, 2006

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court